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## FOOD HABITS OF ALYDINE BUGS (HEMIPTERA: COREIDAE)

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A note by Mr. J. R. de la Torre-Bueno in the December, 1936, number of the BULLETIN of the Brooklyn Entomological Society, p. 208, on *Alydus eurinus* Say feeding on carrion, recalled such instances which have come to my notice of Coreid bugs of the sub-family Alydinae feeding on decomposing animal or fecal matter. These notes are here recorded.

*Megalotonus 5-Spinosus* (Say). 1. Found with beak inserted in mouse, a week or ten days dead. Southbridge, Mass., Sept. 5, 1910.

2. Found with beak inserted in a patch of partially dried human excrement. Southbridge, Mass., July 8, 1911.

3. Two found with beaks inserted in dried raccoon dung. Poundridge, N. Y., June 28, 1935.

4. Found with beak inserted in partially dried human excrement. Stamford, Conn., July 2, 1936.

*Alydus eurinus* (Say). 1. Found with beak inserted in mouse, a week dead. Southbridge, Mass., Sept. 3, 1910.

2. Found with beak inserted in mouse, a week or so dead. Southbridge, Mass., Sept. 4, 1910.

3. Found with beak inserted in carcass of dead cow, a week or more dead. Cassadaga, N. Y., June 24, 1924.

4. Found with beak inserted in dead chicken. Stamford, Conn., June 25, 1935.

These observations reveal a rather strange departure from the usual phytophagous habits of this group of insects; *Alydus eurinus* for instance is usually seen puncturing the heads of bush-clover, *Lespedeza capitata* Michx.